

a Future-Years Veterans Program and a quadrennial veterans review, and to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a Chief Strategy Officer.

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**Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance—Reappointment:** The Chair announced on behalf of the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, the joint reappointment on March 23, 2015 of Mr. Alan V. Friedman of Los Angeles, California, Ms. Susan S. Robfogel of Rochester, New York, and Ms. Barbara Childs Wallace of Ridgeland, Mississippi, each to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the District of Columbia's fiscal year 2015 Budget and Financial Plan—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–19).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:59 p.m. and reconvened at 10:05 p.m.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 24.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1833, and H1833–34. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Supreme Court of the United States budget. Testimony was heard from Anthony M. Kennedy, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States; and Stephen G. Breyer, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States.

### ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND SETTING FORTH APPROPRIATE BUDGETARY LEVELS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2025

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 27, establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025. The committee granted,

by record vote of 6–3, a structured rule for H. Con. Res. 27. The rule provides four hours of general debate with three hours confined to the congressional budget equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on the subject of economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Rep. Brady (TX) and Rep. Maloney (NY) or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution and provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides that if more than one such amendment is adopted, then only the one receiving the greater number of affirmative votes shall be considered as finally adopted. In the case of a tie for the greater number of affirmative votes, then only the last amendment to receive that number of affirmative votes shall be considered as finally adopted. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, a final period of general debate, which shall not exceed 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the Chair of the Budget Committee to offer amendments in the House pursuant to section 305(a)(5) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to achieve mathematical consistency. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question of its adoption. Testimony was heard from Chairman Price of Georgia and Representatives Van Hollen, Stutzman, McGovern, Scott of Virginia, and Ellison.

### ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This hearing was closed.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D251)

H.R. 1213, to make administrative and technical corrections to the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995. Signed on March 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–6)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine waters of the United States, focusing on stakeholder perspectives on the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule, 10 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Judiciary, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine United States Middle East policy, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the regulatory regime for regional banks, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine capital formation and reducing small business burdens, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on performance, not prescription, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine unmanned aircraft systems, focusing on key considerations regarding safety, innovation, economic impact, and privacy, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine management reforms to improve forest health and socioeconomic opportunities on the nation's forest system, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine continuing America's leadership, focusing on advancing research and development for patients, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on assessing the impact of transnational crime, 10 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the Veterans Choice Act, focusing on exploring the distance criteria, 2:30 p.m., SR–418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, hearing on examination of the costs and impacts of mandatory biotechnology laws, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing on reauthorizing the CFTC: end-user views, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing for American Indian and Alaska Native public and outside witnesses, 9 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Department of Agriculture Research Agencies budget, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Missile Defense Agency budget, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, hearing on Nuclear Regulatory Commission budget, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Coast Guard budget, 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, hearing on National Labor Relations Board budget, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on Housing and Urban Development Programs budget, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing on Federal Communications Commission budget, 11 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on Assistance to Central America budget, 2:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2016 Atomic Energy Defense Hearing", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 548, the "Certainty in Enforcement Act of 2015"; H.R. 549, the "Litigation Oversight Act of 2015"; H.R. 550, the "EEOC Transparency and Accountability Act"; and H.R. 1189, the "Preserving Employee Wellness Programs Act", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining the 340B Drug Pricing Program", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, hearing entitled "The Internet of Things: Exploring the Next Technology Frontier", 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing on the "Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, markup on the "Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015", 5 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.